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### **Coronavirus**

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Jasper County Emergency Services continues its diligent work in response to COVID-19 and maintaining daily contacts with our partner agencies.

As of today, The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control reports 4608 citizens infected throughout the state, resulting in 135 deaths. Fifteen cases have been confirmed within Jasper County. One Jasper County resident that was middle-aged with no known underlying health conditions has died. We encourage our citizens and visitors to continue practicing social distancing and follow CDC guidelines.

We remain under a Local State of Emergency. All Local government offices, including the County Courthouse and Probate Judge remain closed to the public. Business with your County Department staff can still be conducted by telephone, email, or website. If you have any questions about County Department operations, please contact them by phone regarding their status. All Department contact information is located on the County's website. Due to the increase in trash received, collection site hours are temporarily changing to 7 AM to 5 PM. The Swap Shop remains closed.

The state burn ban that was in effect has been rescinded as of 6 AM today. The Governor has rescinded the executive order that closed the public boat ramps, docks, and piers. Furthermore, the executive order that closed retail stores has been lifted. All open businesses are reminded of the state mandate to limit persons in the business to 5 per 1,000sq ft or 20% of the occupancy load as determined by the fire marshal, whichever is a lesser number. Also, as a reminder, please take the following steps:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, at least every hour
- Disinfect commonly touched areas frequently, and we recommend to clean doorknobs, registers, counters, credit card machines even at the gas pumps every hour
- Avoid contact with others, and we encourage customer use credit card machines to limit employee exposure. Please ensure that these machines are disinfected often
- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet
- Keep windows and doors open as much as possible versus using HVAC systems

More information on the lifting of the burn ban can be found at

<https://www.state.sc.us/forest/pubs/burnbanlifted042020.pdf>

More information on non essential business can be found at <https://www.sccommerce.com/covid-19-non-essential-business-guidelines>

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